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MESSRS. ALVIN OSER, JAMES ALCOCK, RICHARD BURNES, ANDREW SCIAMBRA and WILLIAM MARTIN, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

MEMBERS OF THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY

WITNESS:

REGIS L. KENNEDY

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Reported By:
Maureen B. Thiel,
Secretary
Orleans Parish Grand Jury

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REGIS KENNEDY, being duly sworn by the Foreman of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, was questioned and answered as follows:

Q. For the record will you state your full name?

A. Regis L. Kennedy.

Q. Mr. Kennedy, by whom are you employed?

A. Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Q. How long have you been employed by the Bureau?

A. I have been employed since June, 1937.

Q. How long have you been an agent in the New Orleans area?

A. I have been an agent continuously since March 27, 1948 and had two prior assignments here.

Q. What were those dates?

A. I was assigned here from 1942 to 1945, then I had a short stay in Charlotte, N. C., and then I was again assigned here from 1946 to early '48.

Q. For the record where do you now reside?

A. I reside at 523 Homestead Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana.

Q. Mr. Kennedy are you familiar with an organization known as the Friends of Democratic Cuba? Back in '61?

A. Will you define what you mean by familiar with?

Q. Did you ever hear of an organization known as the Friends of Democratic Cuba?

A. I have heard of that organization.

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Q. Did you ever know any of the members of the organization?

A. I don't think it would be proper to call it an organization. I think it was a corporation.

Q. Well, a corporation?

A. Do I know any of them? I have heard some of the names.

Q. Will you tell me some of the names you remember?

A. For the record I state that I regretfully decline to answer the question on the ground that the answer to the question will require me to disclose information and material which have been acquired by me in the performance of my official duties and official status as a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I would like to further inform this Grand Jury that I have been directed by a telegram from the Attorney General of the United States as follows:

"The subpoena served on you to testify before the Grand Jury in New Orleans Parish Criminal District Court May 16, 1967 this confirms that pursuant to departmental order 32464 dated October 8, 1964 in Federal Register Vol. 29, No. 199, page 14027, dated October 10, 1964, you are directed to respectfully refuse to testify about or disclose information or material acquired in the performance of your official duties or because of your official status. See U.S. ex rel

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Touhy vs. Ragen, 340 U.S. 462 and consol order 32464 procedured as follows; and further I am prohibited by Departmental order No. 32464 from giving any information or material which has been acquired by me in the performance of my official duties as status of special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Q. Mr. Kennedy, are you familiar with the fact that Lee Harvey Oswald was working in coordination with Sergio Arcacha Smith and certain other individuals in an anti-Castro operation in the summer of '63?

A. Will you repeat the question please?

Q. Are you aware of the fact that Lee Harvey Oswald was working in coordination with Sergio Arcacha Smith and other anti= Castro individuals in the summer of 1963?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you know of Sergio Arcacha Smith's activities in the summer of 1963?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you know whether or not any Federal agents regularly attended the meetings of the Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Front in the summer of 1963?

A. I make reference to my previous comment.

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Q. Is it not a fact that that agent was Warren DeBrueys?

A. I would like to respectfully reserve ...

Q. Were you yourself aware of the activities of Friends of Democratic Cuba in January of 1961?

A. I would like to exert the privilege again please.

Q. Were you aware that the Friends of Democratic Cuba was actually used as a cover by the CIA for the purchase of equipment for the Bay of Pigs in the invation of January, 1961?

A. No sir.

Q. Are you aware that in connection with attempted purchases by this organization the name Oswald was used in 1961?

A. No sir.

Q. Are you aware of the identify of an unusually strong, heavy-set Cuban individual who was working in connection with Friends of Democratic Cuba, but working for the Central Intelligence Agency in 1961 through 1963 in New Orleans?

A. No sir.

Q. Are you aware of the activities of Carlos Quiroga in New Orleans in the summer of 1963?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you know what organization he belonged to?

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A. No sir.

Q. Regis, you are not aware that this was Sergio Arcacha's right hand man in the Revolutionary Democratic Front?

A. Well, let me say this - I have heard of Carlos Quiroga recently but I have no knowledge of him in 1963.

Q. Did you know Guy Banister?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you know any of the people who hung out in Guy Banister's office in 1963?

A. It would be rather difficult for me to pinpoint down 1963?

Q. In the early '60's?

A. Jack Martin used to hang out in there - innumerable people - a number of women ...

Q. What about David Ferrie?

A. No sir.

Q. You don't know Dave Ferrie?

A. No sir.

Q. Are you aware of the relationship between Dave Ferrie and the Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Front?

A. No sir.

Q. Are you aware of the fact that David Ferrie worked in connection with the Central Intelligence Agency in 1961?

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A. No sir.

Q. Did you know Ferrie in the early '60's?

A. Personally I did not know Dave Ferrie until 1963, I knew of him, but I did not know him personally.

Q. Did you know him before you questioned him? I am not asking you what questions you asked him but before you questioned him?

A. I think you are making an assumption, Jim, that is not correct.

Q. You are free to answer.

A. I did not question Dave Ferrie in 1963.

Q. You questioned him much later, that is true. You knew him in '63?

A. Oh yes.

Q. But you knew him in 1963?

A. Yes,

Q. All right, will you tell me in what connection you knew him?

A. Yes, he was working for Ray Gill as investigator in connection with the trial of CarlosMarcello for fraud against the Govern= ment in the U. S. District Court in the Eastern District of Louisiana, which trial occurred probably the 5th of August ... no, the 5th of November to the 22nd of November, 1963.

Q. You knew him in connection with the trial?

A. Yes, he was around - he was there -

Q. Did you ever have occasion to see him again?

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A. In the past years?

Q. Since then?

A. Oh yes.

Q. How often would you say?

A. Its difficult, once or twice, maybe a few more times.

Q. Was this prior to your questioning him? Did you question him at any time?

A. Would you define the word questioning for me?

Q. Yes, I will. On the weekend immediately following the assassination of the President, Dave Ferrie drove through a thunderstorm to Houston and then to Galveston and then came back late that Sunday night, following the President's death. There was a stakeout, he was arrested, the Federal Bureau of Investigation was notified and he was turned over to the FBI for questioning. Now I know that you recall on several occasions at that time I bumped into you in the hall, I don't remember details of our conversations but I have the distinct impression that you questioned him at the First District - you asked him questions in connection with his trip.

A. I did not question him at that time.

Q. Somebody else did?

A. I have to reserve the privilege on that.

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Q. As to whether somebody else did?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you question him at another time?

A. I will reserve the privilege on that.

Q. Are you aware of the fact that Friends of Democratic Cuba was used by Federal agencies for activities which its nominal President was unaware of - are you aware of that? In 1961?

A. No I am not aware of it.

Q. Are you aware of the fact that in the summer of 1963 there was a great deal of activity going on with regard to anti-Castro Cubans in New Orleans and plans for possible activities with regard to Cuba?

A. What time?

Q. 1963 in the summer.

A. I am not aware of that.

Q. Are you aware of the fact that when the Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Front met, at which meetings Ferrie and Arcacha attended regularly, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was also regularly represented in the summer of '63?

A. Would you repeat that again - that was a long one.

Q. I will make it short. Are you aware that in the summer of '63 when the Cuban Revolutionary ... let me rephrase it ... are you aware that in the early '60's when the Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Front had meetings, during the period when

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Arcacha Smith presided, that the FBI was in regular attendance at those meetings?

A. I will reserve the privilege on that.

Q. Are you aware that in the early '60's Dave Ferrie had a close association with the anti-Castro Cubans?

A. No sir.

Q. Not aware of that? Did you know Clay Shaw?

A. No sir.

Q. Did you know anyone who knew Clay Shaw?

A. I will reserve the privilege on that.

Q. Are you aware of the role of Guy Banister with regard to Anti-Castro Cuban activities in the early '60's.

A. I will reserve the privilege on that.

Q. Are you aware of the fact that Dave Ferrie was very close to Guy Banister?

A. I will reserve the privilege on that.

Q. We have witnesses who have seen Lee Oswald in frequent attendance in Guy Banister's office, are you aware of the connection with Lee Oswald with Guy Banister and Dave Ferrie or anyone else in that office?

A. Guy Banister's office, 711 Lafayette St.?

Q. 531.

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A. 531. No sir.

Q. Are you aware of any connection of Lee Harvey Oswald with Cubans here in New Orleans in the summer of 1963?

A. I will reserve the privilege on that.

Q. During his time here in the summer of 1963 Lee Oswald was not merely in the company of an unusual appearing Cuban, he was literally shepherded or escorted by him. I want to describe this Cuban to you and ask you if you have any idea who he is. This Cuban was an extremely powerful, heavy set Cuban with a thick neck, strong shoulders and he was with Lee Harvey Oswald frequently in the summer of 1963. Would you know his name?

A. No sir.

Q. If I tell you that this Cuban worked for the Central Intelligence Agency would that help you identify the Cuban?

A. No sir.

Q. Are you familiar with Jack Ruby's visits to New Orleans in the summer of 1963?

A. I reserve the privilege on that.

Q. Are you aware that Guy Banister was involved in a shipment of arms to Cuba in the summer of 1963?

A. No sir.

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Q. Are you aware that Jack Ruby was involved in a shipment of

arms to Cuba in the summer of 1963?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you know Jack Ruby visited when he came here in the summer of 1963?

A. Ihave to reserve the exception.

Q. Are you aware of the fact that Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby knew each other?

A. No sir.

Q. Are you familiar with the circumstances of the burglary of the bunker down at Houma at the Air Base in '61?

A. No sir.

Q. You have read about it, I take it?

A. I have seen it in the newspaper.

Q. With regard to the large heavy set individual who was the constant chaperon or shepherd of Oswald and who previously worked for the Central Intelligence Agency, if I were to describe him as a Latin American would you have any idea who he is?

A. No sir.

Q. You have never heard such an individual described?

A. That is a rather broad question, but . . .

Q. This is an unusual man with an unusually thick neck, powerful, very large for a Cuban, heavy set . . .

A. No sir.

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Q. No meaning to you?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you have any reason to know who was accompanying Lee Oswald when he walked out of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City in 1963?

A. No sir.

Q. Are you aware of the training areas used by the Cubans north of the Lake in 1963?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you have any familiarity with the seizure of ammunition on William McClanie's land on the 31st of July, 1963?

A. I have to reserve an exception on that.

Q. When that ammunition was seized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1963 a number of individuals were involved at the time, including the following names: Acelo Pedros Amores, Miguel Jimenez, Antonio Soto Vasquez, - have you ever heard of those names before?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you have any idea as to why they have never been arrested to this date?

A. No sir.

Q. Are you aware of whether or not there was any policy at the

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time with regard to seizure of ammunition but not arrest any Cubans associated with the ammunition?

A. No sir.

Q. Is it your understanding that in the summer of 1963 when ammunition which may have been destined for Cuban use, when it was seized, that any Cuban connected with it would be arrested to?

A. Let me answer your question a little bit differently. I have no familiarity other than a real general knowledge of the seizure of the ammunition in Slidell that you mentioned. I did not work on the case, I had nothing to do with the case at all.

Q. Would you have any reason to know why the local number of the Central Intelligence Agency or the local number of the Federal Bureau of Investigation would be written in code in Lee Oswald's address book?

A. No sir.

Q. Would you have any reason to know why in the summer of '63 when Oswald applied for a passport to Poland and Russia, in spite of his activities in Russia, he was able to get a passport in 24 hours?

A. No sir.

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Q. Were you aware that Lee Oswald had, when he was in the Marines, had a higher security rating than the other members of his

Company?

A. No sir.

Q. Did you ever know anyone in any Federal Agency who saw Lee Harvey Oswald in the summer of 1963 in New Orleans?

A. Will you repeat the question again?

Q, Did you ever know anyone in any Federal Agency who saw Lee Harvey Oswald in the summer of 1963 in New Orleans?

A. I will reserve the exception.

Q. Are you aware of any operation in coordination with the Cubans in 1963 in New Orleans in which the FBI and the CIA worked together?

A. No sir.

Q. Are you aware of the connection between the Central Intelligence Agency and Lee Harvey Oswald?

A. No sir.

Q. Are you aware of any connection between Lee Harvey Oswald and any informants of the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

A. Repeat that one again?

Q. Are you aware of any connection between Lee Harvey Oswald and any informants of the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

A. No sir.

Q. Are you aware of the fact that Clay Shaw did work for the Central Intelligence Agency?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you know anyone in New Orleans in the Central Intelligence Agency?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you in 1963?

A. I presume yes - yes, I'm sure I did.

Q. Do you recall that in 1963 when Lee Harvey Oswald was handing out those pamphlets Fair Play for Cuba, do you recall that time?

A. Let me put it this way. I recall subsequent to that but I knew nothing about it at the time.

Q. You were not aware of what was happening at the time?

A. No.

Q. Do you know where Warren deBrueys is stationed now?

A. I do.

Q. Can you tell us that?

A. I see no reason why not.

Q. All right. Is he in New Orleans?

A. No, he is in Washington, D. C.

Q. OK. Is he still with the FBI?

A. Yes. He is.

Q. All right. Did you have any official assignment in connection with Friends of Democratic Cuba?

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A. No sir.

Q. Do you know of any purchases of vehicles of any kind for Democratic Friends of/Cuba made in 1961?

A. No sir.

Q. Are you aware of the fact that Friends of Democratic Cuba were used by Federal Agencies in 1961?

A. No sir.

Q. BY MR. ALCOCK:

You stated earlier that Friends of Democratic Cuba was not an association but a corporation, is that correct?

A. Yes, I believe that is correct. That is my understanding.

Q. Can you tell us what made you aware of the fact that it is a corporation rather than an association?

A. No sir.

Q. Can you explain why you interjected that it was a corporation and not an association?

A. No - I mean its something in my mind. I could be wrong, I was asking if it was a corporation more than a

Q. Do you know a man by the name of Martin McCollis, Jr.?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you know a man by the name of Gerard Tujague?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you know a man by the name of Grady Durham?

A. Yes.

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Q. Can you recall where you first met him?

A. I located him for the District Attorney's Office in connection with an unlawful flight to avoid prosecution when he was a practising attorney in New Orleans.

Q. Where did you find him?

A. Washington, D. C., or outside of Washington, Maryland or Virginia, in that area.

Q. Working for the Government?

A. No sir.

Q. Did you know any of the members of the Friends of Democratic Cuba?

A. I have to reserve the exception on that.

Q. Do you know where the office was for the Friends of Democratic Cuba?

A. I have to reserve the exception on that.

Q. Do you know a gentleman by the name of Joseph Moore associated with the Friends of Democratic Cuba?

A. I do not know him.

Q. Do you know anybody by the name of Oswald, not Lee Harvey, but someone using the name Oswald?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you know Sergio Arcacha Smith?

A. No sir.

Q. You don't know him?

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A. Well, let me put it this way. I would probably know him if I saw him coming down the street, but I do not know him personally.

Q. Did you ever have a conversation with him?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you know a man by the name of Joseph Milla?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you know a man by the name of Rudolph Richard Davis?

A. No sir.

Q. Have you ever heard of an organization called Free Voice of Latin America?

A. Do they have another name?

Q. That is all the name I have.

MR. GARRISON:

It became INCA.

A. It seems to be familiar.

Q. Do you know a man by the name of Bill Dalzel?

A. Yes sir.

Q. You know him in connection with Friends of Democratic Cuba?

A. I am not sure what he was associated with in that field specifically - to answer your question specifically I can't give you a positive yes or no answer.

Q. You say that field - what field are you talking about?

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A. You are talking about Cuban.

MR. GARRISON:

About what?

A. In relation to Cuban matters.

Q. That isn't your area right now.

A. No sir. Bill Dalzel has some twist in there in connection with that field - actually I knew him as a thief.

Q. You know where he is now?

A. I haven't the slightest idea.

Q. Did you ever attend any meetings of the Cubans?

A. No sir.

Q. Your primary assignment is pretty much out in this area, isn't it?

A. Somewhat. Speaking of Dalzel, I wouldn't be surprised if you didn't have some pictures of him in your office.

A. We have gone through the files - nothing.

Q. Did I ask you if you knew the name Grady Durham?

A. Yes sir. I did.

Q. Did you know a man at the Bureau in '61 by the name of Call? Or using that name.

A. 1961. No sir.

Q. How about a man about 5'10 or 11", extremely light blue eyes, leathery skin, black hair -

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A. Sorry I can't help you.

Q. Have you ever been to Municipal No. 544 Camp Street?

A. Many times, its right across the street from the Old Federal Court Building - I believe there is a restaurant there - there was at one time.

Q. Did you ever have occasion to go in offices in that building?

A. I have been in Guy Banister's office many times.

Q. How about Arcacha Smith's office?

A. No sir.

Q. Did you have occasion to meet a gentleman I described, a Mr. Call, at any time?

A. No recollection of it.

Q. Did you ever hear of the Neptune Shipping Company?

A. No.

Q. Did you know a man associated with that Company known as Captain Andy?

A. Is he a bar tender over on Camp street?

A. No.

A. There was a Captain somebody who used to run a bar over on Magazine Street or in that general area - a seamen's bar.

Q. What was his description?

A. He was an old man. It used to be a seamen's hangout.

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Q. Do you know William Crais?

A. No.

Q. Do you know Bill Klein, William Klein? Attorney at law.

A. Is he a former Assistant District Attorney?

A. Yes, in Juvenile Court.

A. I may know him, I mean in the years of time back, but I am not personally acquainted with him. Its Frank who used to be in the District Attorney's Office.

MR. GARRISON:

Mr. Kennedy, are you unaware of the relationship of David Ferrie with the anti-Castro Cubans - leaders - in New Orleans at all? In the summer of 1963?

A. In the summer of '63? Let me explain something. David Ferrie and I are not friends. He is a person I met, know in the years of being in New Orleans.

Q, You never met or saw him in connection with Sergio Arcacha?

A. No sir.

Q. And you did not know that he was one of the leaders of the Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Front?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you know how many times Jack Ruby came to New Orleans in the summer of 1963?

A. No sir.

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Q. Do you know his purpose in coming here?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you know who he met when he came here?

A. I will reserve an exception on that.

Q. Do you have some knowledge of what Jack Ruby did when he came to New Orleans?

A. I have to reserve an exception on that.

Q. Are you aware of any connection that Jack Ruby may have had with any Federal Agency?

A. No sir.

Q. You are not aware of any connection Ruby had with the Cuban affairs in the summer of 1963?

A. No sir.

Q. Do I understand you correctly in saying that you do not know the purpose of Ruby's visits here in the summer of 1963?

A. Yes sir.

Q. But you do not want to say who he visited?

A. The only way I know of how Ruby came or what he did in New Orleans was the result of other information which comes within the exception and I cannot answer.

Q. BY MR. ALCOCK:

You said you did not know Clay Shaw, is that correct?

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A. That is correct.

Q. Did you know Clay Bertrand?

A. No sir.

Q. Do you know whether or not the Federal Government ever made a check on Clay Shaw?

A. I have to reserve the exception to that.

Q. Do you know whether or not the Federal Government, or particularly the Justice Department, determined as a matter of fact whether Clay Shaw and Clay Bertrand were the same person?

A. I reserve the exception on that.

Q. BY MR. GARRISON:

Now on that point, Mr. Kennedy, I want to call your attention - as you know, it is a matter of historical fact that a man using the name Clay Bertrand is represented as having called Dean Andrews for a lawyer on the 22nd of November, on the day of the assassination, so consequently if Clay Shaw is indeed Clay Bertrand that necessarily is a most crucial matter for the State's case because Mr. Shaw denies being Clay Bertrand, so that is an awfully important question and your knowledge could be of great help to the State of Louisiana.

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A. You asked me if I knew Clay Bertrand?

Q. Would you state the question again?

BY MR. ALCOCK:

My question, as I recall it, is do you know as a matter of fact the Justice Department has said, as a result of its investigation, that Clay Bertrand and Clay Shaw are one and the same. The Attorney General of the United States said that

A. That Clay Bertrand and Clay Shaw . . .

Q. Are one and the said - and it was published in the New York Times, and it has been verified.

A. I am not familiar with statements of the Attorney General and as for the article in the New York Times - I have never read the New York Times.

Q. Are you aware of the fact that the Justice Department made the statement?

A. No sir.

Q. (to stenographer) Would you read back a question I asked earlier - about three or four questions back - a question in this particular area?

A. "Do you know whether or not the Federal Government, or particularly the Justice Department, determined as a matter of fact whether Clay Bertrand and Clay Shaw were the same

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person?" " I reserve the right"

A. BY MR. KENNEDY:

I would like to amend my answer to that question - that I have no knowledge of that answer - of that situation.

Q. To your knowledge did Clay Shaw ever do any work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

A. To my knowledge, no.

Q. From any information which you might have, did he ever do any work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

A. I have to reserve an exception to that.

Q. To your knowledge did he ever do any work for the CIA?

A. I have no knowledge that he has ever done any work for the CIA?

Q. Do you have any knowledge of your own or hearsay, that he has ever done any work for the CIA?

A. No sir.

Q. BY MR. GARRISON:

Are you aware of the trip taken last week by Alvin Beaubouef and Burton Klein to Washington, D. C.?

A. I read in the newspaper about it.

Q. Gentlemen of the Jury do you have any questions?

BY A JUROR:

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in this assassination probe, and will you explain to us why you, as a member of the Federal Government, would not be more cooperative?

A. Let me explain that I am a member of the Department of Justice and I received specific instructions from the Attorney General as it relates to information from the files of the FBI. I have tried to answer the questions of my personal knowledge to the best of my ability as it relates to matters of the files I have had to reserve an exception, whether I know anything about it or whether I don't.

Q. Mr. Kennedy, you mentioned that you knew Dalzel and said all you know about him was that he was a thief, what were you referring to?

A. Mr. Garrison should have files on him. He was involved in the theft of an amethyst in New York. I understand it was a very valuable stone. He had the general reputation of handling jewels and at that time I had a great interest, and still do, in professional jewel thieves and my primary interest in Dalzel was a potential jewel thief.

Q. That is all you meant?

A. Yes. He has a record here.

Q. There is one question they asked you and you never answered

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and I wonder why. The question was did you ever question Dave Ferrie - and it seems a simple question?

A. I will explain that, by reservations. I did not question David Ferrie in 1963. I have had occasions to interview him, talk with him since that time.

Q. Did you take any kind of an oath when you took the FBI job?

A. Yes indeed.

Q. What is the oath, or is that a secret too?

A. No, you pledge your support to defend the Constitution of the United States and ... I am trying to reconstruct it, it's been a long time and I don't remember it all.

Q. The Constitution has something to do with freedom of speech, freedom of the individual, and so on

You feel that the directive from Washington - and I guess that if you ignored the directive you would lose your job, would you not? And this is very important to you?

A. Yes sir. I've been with them 30 years.

BY MR. ALCOCK:

Mr. Kennedy, you stated that you did not Clay Shaw, is that correct?

A. That is correct.

Q. Do you know of any investigation conducted of Clay Shaw by the Justice Department after the assassination?

A. I have to reserve an exception to that.

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Q. Then you do know as a matter of fact?

A. I am just asserting the privilege.

Q. What do you understand by the privilege?

A. That I am not to comment on matters - I will read it again for you if you like - that I am not to comment on records, files or facts pertaining to the Department of Justice.

BY A JUROR:

Are all these records secret?

A. They are unless they are released by the Attorney General.

Q. We are citizens of this United States and we have no right to them?

A. (none)

Q. Based on your reservations, might we assume then, without revealing any content thereof, that there is such a file on such an investigation having been conducted relative to Clay Shaw after the assassination?

A. I will just reserve the exception.

Q. BY MR. GARRISON:

We are not trying to know what is in the file.

A. I am not trying to suggest what you should assume.

Q. Is there a file? Or not, according to your knowledge?

A. I reserve the exception.

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JUROR:

Q. Just a minute - to clarify a point for me - you say you are by directive ordered to reserve any answers or information which you know is in the file in some form, so it would seem to me that if you are reserving information on this question then,ipso facto, there must be a file?

A. I am not trying to tell you what to assume or what not to assume.

Q. But I am asking you?

A. That is the only answer I can give you.

Q. Don't assume?

A. I didn't say that. Assume anything you want. I am not trying to imply anything.

Q. Mr. Kennedy, is there a file on this man Dalzel?

A. I imagine there is.

Q. Well, if you would answer that question, sir, why wouldn't you answer the question as to whether there is a file on Shaw?

A. You are asking a question which I have personal knowledge on.

Q. That's why we are asking you the question.

A. I am answering a question that I have personal knowledge on.

MR. ALCOCK:

If you didn't have personal knowledge and the right to

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assert the privilege, why are you doing it?

JUROR:

I can see how you would assert the privilege, I work for the Government too and if I did something they told me not to do they would fire me, but a simple question like is there a file - you are not saying what is in it - I imagine there is a file on Mr. Marcello, and all we are asking is, is there a file on Mr. Shaw?

A. I assert the privilege.

Q. Why do you assert the privilege on Shaw and not on Dalzel or somebody else? What is so important about Shaw and not Dalzel?

A. Because about Dalzel - you are asking me something that I have personal knowledge of. Did I know him, yes - where did I know him - how ...

Q. MR. ALCOCK:

The gentleman asked you if there is a file and you say yes, then you say because I have personal knowledge, now are we to assume you don't have personal knowledge of a file, but do you know there is a file?

A. I am just telling you that you can assume anything you want but I have to assert the privilege.

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MR. GARRISON:

Do you have any knowledge of the relationship between Clay Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald?

A. No sir.

Q. BY MR. ALCOCK:

Do you have any relationship between Clay Shaw and Dean Andrews?

A. No sir.

Q. You know Dean Andrews?

A. Yes sir.

Q. BY JUROR:

Mr. Kennedy, you stated that you did not work with these Cubans' affairs that your operation was more or less removed, who did work in the Cuban operations?

A. It is rather difficult to answer that question because there were many men who worked in that operation in different periods of time. I really couldn't give you too good an answer on that.

Q. How about the summer of '63?

A. There were probably several men working in that field. I am giving you an opinion.

Q. What are their names?

A. I am trying to think - they all sat down in one end of the building. I would say the only one I could pinpoint to any

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degree of accuracy in the office would be Warren de Brueys.

JUROR:

Mr. Kennedy, to your knowledge, was there any communication between Clay Shaw and Jack Ruby? At any time?

A. To my knowledge, no.

Q. To the knowledge of the Justice Department was there any communication between Clay Shaw and Jack Ruby at any time?

A. I don't know and I can't answer for the Justice Department.

Q. With reference to the files in your office in New Orleans is there any indication as to any such communication?

A. I do not know.

Q. Did I understand you to say you knew Jack Ruby visited New Orleans?

A. No sir.

Q. Did you ever go to International House for lunch?

A. Wait a minute - International House, that's the old one?

JUROR:

A. You eat at the House and you trade at the Mart.

JUROR:

A. There is no relation to the Trade Mart - the Trade Mart is at Gravier and Camp -

A No, I don't ever remember having lunch or dinner in the Trade Mart.

A. The House is where you eat lunch and the Mart is an office building around the corner. I didn't even know they had a

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lunch room in there.

Q. Did you ever have a drink in the bar at the Trade Mart?

A. I may have - I wouldn't be committed to say no but I am not a frequenter of the bar.

Q. Would you know Clay Shaw if you saw him?

A. Only from his pictures on television.

Q. Did you say you did know Dean Andrews?

A. Yes.

Q. Was he in any way ever connected with any Federal Agencies to your knowledge?

A. You mean as an employee of a Federal Agency?

Q. Not necessarily as an employee - as an informant?

A. I have no knowledge of him being an informant, I believe he may at one time been some kind of an immigration lawyer or having some relationship with U. S. Immigration Department a long, long time ago and that is an opinion. I have no facts to substantiate it, I could be wrong.

Q. Did he have anything to do with the deportation in the Marcello case?

A. Dean Andrews?

A. Yes.

A. I believe he was the attorney of record for Marcello a number of years ago.

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Q. After the President was assassinated, did I understand correctly that Dean Andrews was investigated by the Justice Department?

A. I don't think you understood me to say that. I didn't say that.

Q. To your knowledge, was he?

A. The entire Dean Andrews matter has been set forth in the Warren Report, a public record, and he was investigated - interviewed by the Warren Commission, but to say he was investigated is a play on words.

Q. Checked out, or something like that?

A. He was named in the investigation as being a suspect or subject . . . I mean it would be a little difficult to say - I mean I couldn't say.

BY MR. ALCOCK:

Mr. Kennedy, is the FBI here in New Orleans still investigating the assassination?

A. I have to reserve an exception on that.

Q. BY A JUROR:

Mr. Kennedy have you ever worked with the CIA?

A. No sir.

Q. I mean as an FBI agent, have you ever worked with them in any capacity?

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A. The only thing I can say is no.

Q. Unofficially?

A. Not even unofficially. I have had very very little contact with them - I knew them as men who went up and down in the elevators.

Q. Did the FBI cooperate with the CIA in any of their activities?

A. Well cooperate in any of their activities is rather broad - I mean, ...

Q. Do you assist them in investigations and do they assist you in investigations, or is there liaison between the two?

A. Not at the local level.

Q. There is at the National level?

A. I assume there was, but I can't answer that. There would have to be some.

Q. Did you ever participate as an FBI man in a joint venture with anyone in in the CIA?

A. Not to my knowledge, I didn't.

MR. ALCOCK:

Q. you assert the privilege on the question whether or not the local office of the FBI is still investigating the Kennedy assassination, is the local Bureau in any way investigating any of the persons who have come to the surface in Mr. Garrison's investigation?

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A. Its such a broad question, will you explain what you mean by it?

Q. Is the local office of the FBI investigating any of the individuals who have come to the surface as a result of the preliminary hearing in our investigation - any of the names that have come to the surface?

A. I reserve the exception on that.

JUROR:

Mr. Kennedy, is the Federal Bureau of Investigation now conducting any investigation into the possibility of a conspiracy having occurred in New Orleans regarding the assassination?

A. I have to reserve an exception on that.

Q. Mr. Kennedy, does the FBI have a file system?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Would they have a file system on, say, Al Capone?

A. You are asking me a hypothetical question?

Q. Is there a file on Al Capone?

A. I wouldn't know. To my personal knowledge I wouldn't know.

Q. Well then does the FBI have a file on Al Capone? If he was arrested and convicted by the FBI, would they have a file on him?

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A. Let's put it this way. If Al Capone had been convicted by the FBI or anyone else had been convicted by the FBI I am sure they would have a file on him. Al Capone was not convicted by the FBI, he was convicted by the Treasury Department, so to say whether we would have a file on Al Capone - I wouldn't know.

Q. By that you mean that anybody that the FBI has checked or questioned there would be a file?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Then is there a file on Clay Shaw?

A. I have to reserve the exception.

Q. Is there one on Dean Andrews?

A. I have to reserve the exception.

Q. BY MR. OSER:

Do you have any knowledge as to whether or not any of the original statements taken by members of the Federal Government of various witnesses that were furnished to the Warren Commission, whether or not any of these statements were altered in any way before they were put in publicized form by the Warren Commission?

A. I have no knowledge.

JUROR:

Does your work take you outside of the immediate locale -

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when I say immediate locale I mean New Orleans ?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Texas?

A. Not recently, no sir. The State of Louisiana is more my territory.

Q. When was the last time you were in Texas?

A. Probably 15 or 20 years ago, give or take a few years.

Q. Were you working in New Orleans in November, 1963? November 22?

A. I was.

Q. Was Mr. deBrueys working in New Orleans on November 22, 1963?

A. I do not know.

Q. How big a staff did you have in 1963?

A. Probably 80 to 100 men, now that's '63, the New Orleans office covered the southern district of Mississippi, which is the area south of Jackson, Mississippi, and all of the State of Louisiana. I am giving you an off-hand figure.

Q. Was that territory still in effect in '48?

A. '48? It probably was - there was an office in Jackson during the war and it was closed sometime after the war, but as late at 1948, I don't know.

Q. You would say 80 to 100 men, but they were not all stationed in New Orleans?

A. That is correct.

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Q. How many would you guess were part of the Bureau in 1948?

A. Probably - you mean the ones stationed in New Orleans or the whole office?

A. Whole office.

A. Probably 60, maybe 70.

Q. MR. ALCOCK:

Do you know the names of the persons Lee Harvey Oswald met in Nexico City?

A. No sir.

JUROR:

Mr. Kennedy, did you ever make the statement to any one that Clay Shaw was a CIA member who worked in Italy in 1958?

A. No sir.

Q. Any other questions, gentlemen?

Thank you, Mr. Kennedy.

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